



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 851

December 5, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives ALBERS, GOTTLIEB, KRAWCZYK, BERCEAU, TOWNSEND, PETROWSKI, MCCORMICK, HAHN, BALLWEG and GUNDERSON, cosponsored by Senator SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 349.26 of the statutes; **relating to:** allowing a city, town, or
2 village to allow persons to operate a neighborhood electric vehicle on local
3 highways.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation generally determines which vehicles are suitable for operation along highways. This bill allows the governing body of a city, town, or village to allow, by ordinance, the operation of a neighborhood electric vehicle on any roadway over which the governing body has jurisdiction. A neighborhood electric vehicle is a four-wheeled vehicle that has a maximum speed of 20 to 25 miles per hour. The bill also allows a city, town, or village to license low-speed vehicles that are operated within the city, town, or village limits.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 349.26 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **349.26 Authority to allow the operation of neighborhood electric**
6 **vehicles. (1)** In this section, “neighborhood electric vehicle” means a self-propelled

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1 motor vehicle that has successfully completed the neighborhood electric vehicle
2 America test program conducted by the federal department of energy, and that
3 conforms to the definition and requirements for low-speed vehicles as adopted in the
4 federal motor vehicle safety standards for low-speed vehicles under 49 CFR 571.3
5 (b) and 571.500. "Neighborhood electric vehicle" does not include a golf cart.

6 (2) The governing body of any city, town, or village may by ordinance allow the
7 use of a neighborhood electric vehicle on a roadway over which the governing body
8 has jurisdiction. An ordinance passed under this section may contain a provision for
9 the city, town, or village to license neighborhood electric vehicles that are used within
10 the city, town, or village limits.

11 (END)